

MINUTES

**MACo DISTRICT 10 & 11 MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2007
ST. REGIS COMMUNITY CENTER
ST. REGIS, MT
10:00 A.M.**

1) Welcome and Introductions

District 10

Paddy Trusler, Chair

- ✓Flathead County
- ✓Lake County
- ✓Lincoln County
- ✓Sanders County

District 11

Judy Stang, Chair

- ✓Mineral County
- ✓Missoula County
- ✓Ravalli County

2) Approval of Minutes –August 24, 2006

The Minutes were not available and will be presented at the next meeting.

3) U.S. Forest Service – Sharon Sweeney

AMR Appropriate Management Response – Sharon reported that parts of the fire will be managed heavily (houses), parts of the fire not as many firefighters will be designated (rocks). It was requested that DNRC invite the counties when there is a fire to be involved with the planning. Helicopters are less available and moved around on a short-term basis. Initial attack won't change much from previous years.

4) MACo FY 2008 Proposed Budget

Harold presented the current FY expenses and incomes. No major changes to FY 2008 budget. Reported business as usual with exception to variances of conferences and unanticipated high cash reserve. Health insurance costs are rising. Printing costs adjusted changing to in house. Legislative activity is in need of more involvement from commissioners for interim committees. A deficit budget was anticipated but came in under budget. Proposing to increase dues to cost of living costs rather than small increments in the fee schedule based on taxable value

5) MACo Affiliate and Associate Membership Program

Harold and Sheryl are asking counties to contact their local businesses and vendors as corporate sponsors to raise monies and keep dues down. Will have a structured program available for corporate sponsors starting July 2007.

6) District Chair and Vice Election – District 10

Gary Hall was nominated for the position of District 10 chair for a 2 year term. Carol Brooker was nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of District 10 chair for a 2 year term. It was moved and seconded to elect Gary and Carol. Motion Carried.

7) Nominations – MACo 2nd Vice-President

Marianne Roose, Lincoln County, was nominated for the position of MACo 2nd Vice President.

8) Nominations – MACo Fiscal Officer

There were no nominations for the MACo Fiscal Officer position

9) MACo Board of Directors Report

MACo President John Prinkki reported that Harold and Sheryl did an excellent job and thanked them for their legislative efforts. The MACo Board is working on clarifying the relationships among the three trusts. He also noted that MSU Extension is offering a presentation, June 28th, on Clean Renewable Energy Bonds, and what counties should be aware of in order to participate in the CREBs program.

10) Dust Suppression – Flathead County

Joe Brenneman reported on the notice of Violation and fines issued by DEQ regarding dust suppression. He distributed copies of the notice and their Proposed Action Plan. Discussion was held regarding DEQ's denial of the plan, and the county's subsequent actions and response.

11) 9-1-1/Interoperability

Chris Christensen, Public Safety Services Bureau, discussed 9-1-1 options and phases. He also reported on the status of the Interoperability System, the emergency radio system in Montana. Questions and discussion followed report.

12) Association Staff Report – Harold Blattie & Sheryl Wood

Harold Blattie reviewed the NACo/MACo Prescription Drug Card, available Inmate Medical Insurance, Nationwide Retirement Solutions. Handouts provided.

13) Legislative Report

Harold Blattie and Sheryl Wood provided a summary of the status of bills and legislative activity from the recent 60th Legislative Session, Special Session, and Interim Committee Activities. There are many new bills passed that will effect counties.

14) 2010 Census – Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA)

Sheryl Wood reported that the key component to success of the upcoming 2010 Census is involvement of local counties updating addresses. Montana loses \$165 per person per year for each person/address not counted.

15) MT DNRC Fire Report – Pat Cross

Pat Cross reported that 3 bills went through that deal with fire: SB 145 establishes a state fire policy; SB 147 addresses restrictions and closures gives counties authority and ability to enforce; SB 404 clarifies criminal liability for firefighters.

16) MDOT - Secondary Roads

Wayne Noem presented packets with information regarding the program. The information included the projects that have been nominated and that are in the process of being constructed. Discussion included the re-scoping of projects, emergency projects, off-system bridges, and Forest Service projects. Questions were asked and answered.